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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY' S

FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

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1. SUMMARY: COVERAGE GIVEN SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT IN PORTUGUESE PRESS RANGES FROM EXTENSIVE TO NON-EXISTENT. TREATMENT GENERALLY FAVORABLE, THOUGH NO EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR. END SUMMARY.

2. LARGE CIRCULATION DIARIO DE NOTICIAS APRIL 20 GAVE GRANT PAGE HEADLINES TO SECRETARY' S REPORT, WITH VERY EXTENSIVE ARTICLE SUMMARIZING AND QUOTING FROM IT. SECOND NOTICIAS' ARTICLE ON INSIDE PAGE IS STRAIGHT TRANSLATION OF MOST OF SECTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES (PG. 448-449 OF REPORT).

3. WEEKLY EXPRESSO OF APRIL 21 CARRIED TWO- PARAGRAPH ARTICLE ON REPORT ON FRONT PAGE, NOTING STATEMENT THAT USG CONTINUES TO EMBARGO ARMS FOR USE IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES OVERSEAS. ARTICLE REPORTS USG' S POSITION WITH REGARD TO PORTUGAL IS RELATED TO AMERICAN DESIRE UNCLASSIFIED

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MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES. SURPRISINGLY, ARTICLE STATES US HAS CONSISTENTLY VOTED IN FAVOR OF PORTUGAL OR ABSTAINED IN UN VOTES ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

4. DIARIO DE LISBOA APRIL 20 CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY ON REPORT WITH HEADLINE " SPAIN SHOULD BELONG TO NATO, SAYS WILLIAM ROGERS." ARTICLE, FROM SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE NEWS SERVICES, CONCENTRATES ON REPORT' S SECTION ON SPAIN. SECOND ARTICLE ON INSIDE PAGE TRANSLATES MOST OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES SECTION UNDER HEADLINE " STRICT EMBARGO ON ARMS FOR PORTUGAL FOR USE IN AFRICA."

5. SEVERAL MAJOR LISBON DAILIES HAVE THUS FAR FAILED TO MENTION SECRETARY' S REPORT.

6. LEADING NORTHERN DAILY COMERCIO DO PORTO GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO SUMMARY OF REPORT UNDER HEADLINE " THE 9 OBJECTIVES OF US FOREIGN POLICY." SHORTER ARTICLE ON INSIDE PAGE COVERED SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES SECTION OF REPORT.

7. OPORTO DAILY JORNAL DE NOTICIAS CARRIED TWO STORIES ON INSIDE PAGES: FIRST WAS REUTERS STORY SUMMARIZING SECRETARY' S REPORT IN TEN PARAGRAPHS, SECOND COVERED SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES SECTION.

8. NO MENTION IN PRESS OF REPORT' S SECTION ENTITLED " PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES" (PG. 472), OR SECTION ON " PORTUGAL" (PG. 307).

9. COMMENT: OVERALL, PRESS TREATMENT OF SECRETARY' S REPORT IS FAVORABLE. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR, HOWEVER.
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